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Excellencie ROBERT

Earle of Essex, Generall of
the Army.



On shall carefully restraine all
impieties, prophaneesse, and
disorders, violence, insolence,
and plundering in your Sould-
diers, as well by strict and severe
punishment of such offences, as
by all other meanes which you
in your wisdome shall think fit.

II.

Your Lordship is to march with such forces as

you think fit towards the Army raised in his Majesty's name against the Parliament and Kingdom, & with them or any part of them, to fight at such time and place as you shall judge most to conduce to the peace and safety of the Kingdome. And you shall use your utmost endeavours by Battaille, or otherwise to rescue his Majesty's person, and the person of the Prince, and the Duke of Yorke out of the hands of those desperate persons who are now about them.

III.

You shall take an opportunity in some safe and honorable way to cause the Petition of both Houses of Parliament herewith sent unto you to be presented unto his Majesty. And if his Majesty shall thereupon please to withdraw himself from the forces now about him, and to resort to the Parliament, you shall cause all those Forces to disband, and shall serve and defend his Majesty with a sufficient strength in his return.

You shall publish and declare, that if any who have bin so seduced by the false aspersions cast upon the proceedings of the Parliament, as to assist the King in the acting of those dangerous counsells, shall willingly within ten days after such publication in the Army, return to their duty, not doing any hostile act within the time limited, and joyn themselves with the Parliament in defence of Religion,

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his Majesties person, the Liberties and Laws of the Kingdom & priviledges of Parliament, with their persons, and estates, as the Members of both Houses, & the rest of the Kingdom have done, that the Lords and Commons will be ready upon their submission to receive such persons in such manner as they shall have cause to acknowledge, they have bin used with clemency and favour. Provided that this shall not extend to admit any man into either House of Parliament, who stands suspended without giving satisfaction to the House whereof he shall be a Member, and except all persons who stand impeached or particularly voted in either House of Parliament for any Delinquency whatsoever, excepting likewise such adherents of those, who stand impeached in Parliament of Treason, as have bin eminent persons, and chief actors in those Treasons. And except the Earle of *Brissoll*, the Earle of *Cumberland*, the Earle of *Newcastle*, the Earle *Rivers*, Secretary *Nichols*, M. *Endymion Porter*, M. *Edward Hyde*, the Duke of *Richmond*, the Earle of *Carnarvan*, the Lord Viscount *Newark*, the Lord Viscount *Faulkland*, one of the principall Secretaries of State to his Majesty.

V.

You shall apprehend the persons of all those, who stand impeached in Parliament, or have bin declared Traitors by both or either house of Parliament, or otherwise Delinquents, and you shall send them

to the Parliament to receive condigne punishment according to their offences.

VI.

You shall receive the Loans or Contributions of Money, Plate, or Horses from all his Majesties loving Subjects, which they shall be willing to make for the support of charge of the Army, & better discharge of the service of the Common-wealth. And you shall certify all such sums of Money, and the value of such Horses, that the parties may thereupon have the benefit of the publike faith, for payment to be made unto them as to others of his Majesties Subj. As upon the propositions of Money, Plate, and Horse.

VII.

You shall carefully protect all his Majesties loving Subjects from Rapine and Violence by any of the Cavaliers, or other Soldiers of his Majesties pretended Army, or by any of the Soldiers of the Army, which you command, and you shall cause the Arms and goods of any person to be restored to them, from whom they have bin unjustly taken.

VIII.

You shall observe such further Directions and Instructions, as you shall from time to time receive from both Houses of Parliament.

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DIRECTIONS

For Robert Earle of Essex, Cap-
tain General of the Army for the defence
of the King and Parliament, and the persons here-
after named, to be a Committee for his assistance in the
Army. That is to say, the Committee appointed
by both Houses of Parliament touching the
Affaires of the Army.

HE said Committee, or any foure of
them, whereof the said Earle of
Essex to be one, shall have power to
meet together at such times and
places as they shall thinke fit, And to
consult & advise touching such mat-
ters that shall concerne the Army, as the said Earle
of Essex shall thinke convenient. And from time
to time shall acquaint both Houses of Parliament,
with their resolutions therein. That both Houses
may further proceed thereupon, as to them shall be
thought convenient for the publique.

They or foure of them, whereof the Earle of
Essex to be one, shall have power, and are hereby
authorized to advise and use all convenient and
reasonable meanes they can, to supply the Army
with money and other necessaries; And for that
end and purpose are hereby authorized to take the

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Subscriptions of all persons that shall give, lend, or advance any Money, Plate, or other Provisions whatsoever necessary for the Army, and shall give a note unto all such persons that so shall lend or advance, expressing the nature and particular thereof. Which Note subscribed with the hand of the said Earle of Essex and any three of the said Committee, whereof two to bee of the House of Commons, shall bee sufficient warrant for the party that shall so lend or advance, to receive the same againe with interest, after the rate of 8 pounds *per cent.* out of such monies as shall bee collected for the affaires of this Kingdome, and both Houses doth engage the publicke faith for the same.

They, or any foure of them, whereof the Earle of Essex to be one, shall have power, and are hereby authorized to sit with the said Earle, and to examine all such persons as shall be sent for, apprehended and brought before them by vertue of any Warrant sent and issued under the hand of the Lord Generall, and shall have power to continue them in safe custodie, send them up to the Parliament, or discharge them as they shall thinke fit, and shall most tend to the publicke good.

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